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SUBJECT: DETENTION/DEPORTATION OF AMCIT GEORGE SANON;
CONSULAR ACCESS

REF: PAUP 2301, 2199

1. BY FIRST PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED NOV 11 (RECEIVED NOV 13), FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRUTUS REPLIED TO OUR FORMAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF AMCIT GEORGE SANON AND CONSULAR ACCESS FOR AMCIT SMALL BOAT CREWS DETAINED IN HAITIAN PORTS (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

QUOTE. MR AMBASSADOR, I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER NO. 270 OF NOVEMBER 3 PAST PROVIDING A COPY OF YOUR 31 OCTOBER 1975 LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE INTERIOR AND OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

QUOTE. I HAVE NOTED AND EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION THAT AN ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN FOUND RELATIVE TO THE PROBLEM OF PLEASURE CRAFT ENTERING HAITIAN PORTS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

QUOTE. I HAVE EQUALLY NOTED THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION THAT YOU RAISED CONCERNING THE CASE OF GEORGE SANON (REF. NOTE 197 OF 30 JULY 1975 AND 236 OF 9 SEPTEMBER 1975). IN RESPONSE I BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT MR. SANON IS A DECLARED ENEMY OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT. HE HAS LED
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IMPLICATED IN VARIOUS INVASIONS OF HAITIAN TERRITORY, WITH THE DECLARED GOAL OF OVERTHROWING THE CONSTITUTIONALLY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT, THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CHIEF OF STATE, HIS FAMILY AND HAITIAN POLITICAL LEADERS. THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MR. SANON, IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS RECENTLY ACQUIRED AMERICAN NATIONALITY, RETURNED TO HAITI TO PERPETRATE THE GRAVE OFFENSES AND CRIMES TO WHICH HE IS ACCUSTOMED. THESE PREVENTIVE MEASURES OF DETENTION AND EXPULSION TAKEN AGAINST HIM ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ASSURE THE PEACE, ORDER AND PUBLIC SECURITY INDISPENSABLE TO ITS PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

QUOTE. FURTHER, THE HAITIAN STATE UNDERTOOK THIS PROCEDURE IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT MR. SANON IS BANISHED FROM HAITI AND TO ASK THEM IN THE NAME OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO SEE TO IT THAT MR. SANON DOES NOT AGAIN ATTEMPT TO REENTER HAITIAN TERRITORY.

QUOTE. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IRRESPECTIVE OF FOREGOING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SANON, WE ARE STILL SEEKING GOH ASSURANCES THAT CONSULAR ACCESS WILL BE ACCORDED WHATEVER THE NATURE OF AMCIT'S ALLEGED OFFENSE, AND WHEREVER IN HAITI AN AMCIT IS BEING DETAINED. AS ARA/LA/CAR AWARE, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOH SECURITY OFFICIALS EMBOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED THESE CONCERNS FRANKLY, AND WE FEEL THAT THESE OFFICIALS ARE NOW ATTUNED TO OUR FUTURE NEEDS. AT SAME TIME MUST CAUTION THAT HAITIAN ATTITUDES ARE DEEPLY INGRAINED. FOR EXAMPLE, IT TOOK FRENCH OVER ONE MONTH TO GAIN CONSULAR ACCESS TO THE FRENCH WIFE OF RENE TOUSSAINT (MEDICAL INTERN WHO ATTACKED REGIE DU TABAC DIRECTOR HENRI SICLAIT), WHO ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED COMPLICITY IN THE STILL UNEXPLAINED PLOT.

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